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SUBJ: Leningrad UNOFFICIAL ARTISTS PROTEST EXCLUSION FROM PROGRAM
FOR VISITING UNESCO DELEGATION

1. ONE OF Leningrad UNOFFICIAL ARTISTS WHOSE WORKS WERE
EXHIBITED AT SEPTEMBER EXHIBITION HERE CALLED POLOFF MORNING
OF NOVEMBER 17 TO EXPRESS FOLLOWING VIEWS.

2. UNOFFICIAL ARTISTS FEEL "OFFENDED" BY FACT THAT
Leningrad AUTHORITIES EXCLUDED THEM FROM ANY PARTICIPATION
IN PROGRAM ORGANIZED FOR VISITING UNESCO OFFICIALS OF
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FINE ARTS. AS DEMONSTRATED BY
SUCCESS OF UNOFFICIALS' EXHIBITION, CALLER SAID, VISITING
UNESCO OFFICIALS SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED OPPORTUNITY TO MEET
WITH THEM AND SEE SOME OF THEIR WORKS. CALLER SAID HE HOPED
THAT THIS SENTIMENT COULD BE PASSED TO UNESCO OFFICIALS.
STALWARTS OF Leningrad UNOFFICIAL ARTISTS, YEVGENIY RUKHIN,
VLADIMIR OVCHINNIKOV AND YURIY ZHARKIKH, HAVE REPORTEDLY
LEFT FOR MOSCOW WITH HOPE OF MEETING UNESCO OFFICIALS AT
EMBASSY.

3. CONGEN HAD NO CONTACT WITH UNESCO OFFICIALS DURING THEIR
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BRIEF WEEKEND VISIT. A PRESS ITEM ON SUNDAY NOTED THAT

ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT WILLIAM SMITH AND OTHER DELEGATION MEMBERS
MET WITH LENINGRAD OFFICIALS OF ARTISTS' UNIONS OF RSFSR
AND USSR AND WERE TOLD OF "LIFE AND WORK OF SOVIET ARTISTS
AND THE GREAT INTEREST IN THE SOVIET UNION SHOWN IN THEIR
CREATIVITY, THE ROLE OF MASTERS OF FINE ARTS IN FORMING THE
ARTISTIC OUTLOOK OF CONTEMPORARY ARTISTS."

4. CONGEN WILL BE INTERESTED IN HEARING WHETHER RUKHIN,
OVCHINNIKOV AND ZHARKIKH MANAGE TO GET AN AUDIENCE WITH
THE UNESCO OFFICIALS IN MOSCOW.
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